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REMARKS

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1. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) was occupied to capacity by an AT artillery unit on 13 July 1950. There was much activity in the installation. About 200 soldiers were training at the airfield with eight AT guns of 50 to 70 mm caliber. A lieutenant colonel of artillery was the ranking officer. There was much truck traffic to and from the construction site at the airfield. Motor

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2. Both sections of the See Kaserne were occupied to capacity. Most of the officers seen in the southeastern section wore tank insignia, while others wore artillery insignia. In the other section of the installation more artillery insignia were seen than tank insignia. Fifteen JS tanks were seen in front of and in the garages of the

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section. Signal troops were observed in the northwestern section. An artillery colonel was seen on 17 July 1950. Motor vehicles

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3. On 17 July 1950, the See Kaserne was occupied to 75 percent of capacity by about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Two T-34 tanks and one JS tank were in the barracks yard. Garages for trucks, rocket launchers and mortars are on Scholtenplatz (square) and are guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Rocket launcher [REDACTED] was identified in this square and nine rocket launchers were seen in the garages. Ten 120-mm mortars were observed in the square on 18 July 1950. Despite the shipments which left the airfield the week before, the number of personnel and vehicles was not decreased. (1) The present occupation is estimated at 600 men. The troops wear red-bordered black

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were identified. An armored reconnaissance car and two armored personnel carriers were seen in the garage yard.

4. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied to 80 percent of capacity by about 1,000 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with the artillery insignia. (2) Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen. 25X1C

5. The present occupation of the Friedericus Kaserne by about 2,500 men exceeds the capacity of the installation. (2) Soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia. The total number of T-34 and JS tanks is estimated at 80 to 100. [REDACTED] was identified. A letter, addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] dated 29 June 1950 and examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] was found at the western side of the installation. (3) 25X1C

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6. A letter was found near the See Kaserne on 15 July 1950. It is addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] dated 3 June 1950, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed by a woman from the Ulyanovsk Oblast. (4)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) It is possible that soldiers to be discharged left in early July 1950 and were replaced by recruits.
- (2) It can be assumed that all units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were still in their quarters in Neuruppin on 20 July 1950 since all barracks are reported 80 to 100 percent occupied.
- (3) [REDACTED] confirms the 49th Gds Tank Regt of 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin until 29 June 1950.
- (4) [REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin.

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